

HONORING JAMES L. MARTIN,  
PRESIDENT "THE 60 PLUS ASSO-  
CIATION"

### HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2010*

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a man who has fought for the honor of millions of Americans.

Jim Martin has a distinguished track record of public service that began as an United States Marine from 1953–1958. He then went on to have a successful career in politics and journalism. In 1992, Jim founded "the 60 Plus Association" an organization that has become an influential voice for seniors all across the nation. Jim has been a fierce advocate for all issues facing seniors, especially the solvency of Social Security, energy independence and the "Death Tax."

Jim has been the voice of our nation's seniors in Washington, reminding Congress of the importance of taking action to ensure Social Security is able to meet the needs of seniors who depend on the program, while at the same time ensuring our children and grandchildren have the same opportunity for a retirement safety net. Grandparents are just as concerned with their grandchildren's future as with their own welfare.

Over the past year, Americans have been feeling additional strains on their budgets with the increased energy prices—this is especially true for seniors. The increase in energy prices has a burdening effect upon those with fixed incomes who struggle to pay bills and are too often forced to make difficult choices between food, medicine and transportation costs. Jim knows and understands their concerns and has been a leading proponent for energy security.

Jim has also led the charge against one of the most egregious taxes in our tax system, the estate tax. Jim is credited for reframing the debate over the estate tax by renaming the tax to the more appropriate term, the "Death Tax." As a result of this tax, a business that has been in a family for generations can be lost overnight because of the enormous burden of the death tax. When a business leaves its family roots, there is a loss of pride in the fundamental traditions that helped make the business successful. This is not the legacy parents want to leave their children and grandchildren.

On behalf of all Americans, I want to thank Jim Martin for his service to our country. On behalf of our nation's seniors, I want to thank Jim and the 60 Plus Association for their efforts to ensure the solvency of our Social Security system, protecting seniors against rising energy costs, and permanently eliminating the "Death Tax."

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "BILL"  
GWATNEY

### HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2010*

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and work of Bill

Gwatney, a public servant, faithful husband and father, and a true Arkansan, who worked tirelessly as the State Chair of the Arkansas Democratic Party, and previously as a State Senator for 10 years. He was a man dedicated to public office, and is sorely missed by many. It is my humble request that we stand and recognize the life and work of Mr. William Gwatney.

Over the past two decades, Bill Gwatney served the public good of Arkansas in one position or another. From 1993 to 2002, Bill served as an Arkansas State Senator, and also served as the financial chair for Mike Beebe's run for Governor in 2006. In 2008, he also received the honor of being selected as a superdelegate for the 2008 Democratic National Convention. When he was not directly involved in Arkansas politics Mr. Gwatney owned and managed three successful car dealerships.

Bill was also honored by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Athletic Department, who posthumously inducted him into their Hall of Fame.

Bill was respected and loved by many as a man who appreciated integrity and honesty in his business, as well as in his personal life. Throughout his rise as a politician and successful businessman, Bill maintained a sense of humor, humility, passion, and respect for others that was magnetic to those around him.

I wish Bill's family the deepest condolences for their loss, and hope they can find some comfort in the thought of what a powerful and positive impact Bill's personality had on those he met, and those that carry his memory on. He has left an indelible mark on the state of Arkansas, and I ask today of my fellow colleagues that we stand and honor the legacy of Mr. William Gwatney.

REMEMBERING JOHN J. HORGAN

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today and pay tribute to a good friend, John "J.J." Horgan. J.J. passed away on Monday, July 12th in Saginaw, Michigan, at the age of 72.

Born in New York, J.J. served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Air Force. He moved to Bridgeport Township and was active in the community. He served as Chair of the Bridgeport Festival Committee, the Bridgeport United Community Task Force, and as Director of the Bridgeport Area Chamber of Commerce. He was a longtime volunteer, member and past Chairman of the Saginaw County Democratic Party. J.J. was an active member of St. Christopher Catholic Church. He functioned as the President, past Treasurer and member of the Administration Commission and he served as the President of the Men's Club.

He ran for a seat on the Bridgeport Board of Trustees and he was a candidate for the 95th Michigan House of Representatives when he was diagnosed with cancer. After having won two battles against cancer in 2001 and 2007, J.J. was upbeat until he succumbed to the disease. He leaves behind to treasure his memory his wife, Geri, his daughter, Frances, sister, Maureen, brother, William, a large ex-

tended family and numerous friends. J.J. touched many lives and everyone has fond memories of his kindness, his intelligence and his decency.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me and take a moment to remember John "J.J." Horgan. He was a thoughtful, kindhearted, forthright man, full of enthusiasm for life, his family, his church, his community and his country. I valued his friendship and wisdom, and I will miss his cheerfulness, his integrity and his optimistic spirit.

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE OF GUATEMALA, HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR AFTER TROPICAL STORM AGATHA

SPEECH OF

### HON. MICHAEL E. MCMAHON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 30, 2010*

Mr. MCMAHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 1462, stating our nation's unequivocal support for those people of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador who have been affected by Tropical Storm Agatha. In the aftermath of the storm, mudslides and sinkholes formed, not only marring the natural beauty of these countries, but also causing immense amounts of damage and suffering.

Hundreds of people lost their lives, and tens of thousands were displaced from their homes. Food shortages, destruction of infrastructure, economic losses in agriculture, and damages to vital buildings will inevitably adversely affect these countries for a long time to come.

These Latin American nations represent crucial U.S. allies in the region and key economic trading partners. It is in the interest of our economic stability and national security to help them through these tough times.

Our own experiences from Hurricanes Rita and Katrina remind us that we are all vulnerable to the cruel whims of nature. We will never forget how many countries around the world stood with us during those trying times for our nation, and we need to stand with Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador now.

I commend the United States Southern Command for providing food, water, and necessary supplies to the victims of these natural disasters. We have not been alone in providing assistance to the disaster areas; the international community has come together in support of those who have been affected, contributing millions of dollars in medical supplies and other assistance.

I urge the House of Representatives to keep in mind today those lives and livelihoods that have been destroyed in the aftermath of this disaster by supporting this resolution.

TRIBUTE TO WOODY LAUGHAN

### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 15, 2010*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and outstanding career of Mr. Woody Laughnan.